

April 1, 2014
Antelope County Board
Neligh, Nebraska

The Antelope County Board of Supervisor's convened in regular session on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the County Supervisor's room, Antelope County Courthouse annex, Neligh, Nebraska. Meeting called to order by Chairman Schwager with the following board members responding to roll call: Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Schwager, and Brandt. Bolling appeared later. Chairman Schwager stated that the open meeting laws are posted on the east wall of the Supervisor's room with more copies available at the County Clerk's office.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the four county newspapers, legal newspapers printed and in general circulation in Antelope County, Nebraska as shown by proof of publication filed in the County Clerk's office. Agenda for said meeting was sent to all members of the County Board of Supervisor's.

The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: Vics Crane & Heavy Haul, Inc.; JEO Field Engineering Report.

Motion by Williby, seconded by Henery to approve the application for permit submitted by George Hemenway to place a permanent pipeline beneath 847th Road crossing from the SW1/4 of Section 30 to the NW1/4 Section 31, Township 25, Range 8, West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Hemenway Farms – owner, pipeline to be used for pumping water to lake for fish; all work to be done according to State specs. Those voting aye: Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Brandt, Schwager. Bolling absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Baker to approve the application for permit submitted by Jeff Schleusener to place a permanent electric line beneath 511th Avenue crossing from the NW1/4 of Section 5 to the NE1/4 Section 6, Township 28, Range 8 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Mary Auman & Jeff Schleusener – owner, to supply water to 40 acre pasture for grazing cattle; all work to be done according to State specs. Those voting aye: Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Brandt, Schwager. Bolling absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Henery, seconded by Brandt to approve the application for permit submitted by David Beckman to place a permanent electric line beneath 835th Road crossing from the SW1/4 of Section 28 to the NW1/4 Section 33, Township 23, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. N.M. Beckman – owner, electric line to be used for center pivot irrigation, all work to be done according to State specs. Those voting aye: Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Brandt, Schwager. Bolling absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Williby, seconded by Kerkman to approve the application for permit submitted by Robert Bennett to place a permanent gas line beneath 854th Road crossing from the SE1/4 of Section 21 to the NE1/4 Section 28, Township 26, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Leora Bennett – owner, gas line to replace electric line not in PVC pipe, all work to be done according to State specs. Those voting aye: Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Brandt, Schwager. Bolling absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Williby, seconded by Kerkman to approve the application for permit submitted by Alexandra Shively, to place a permanent gas line along 514th Avenue from the SW1/4 corner of Section 15 to the NE1/4 Section 15, Township 27, Range 8 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Alexandra M. Shively – owner, gas line to feed a center pivot irrigation well, house; all work to be done according to State specs. Those voting aye: Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Brandt, Schwager. Bolling absent. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Williby, seconded by Kerkman to approve the application for permit submitted by Mark Jisa to place a permanent gas line beneath 527th Avenue crossing from the NE1/4 of Section 11 to the NW1/4 Section 12, Township 25, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska. Gordon Hughes – owner, to place a permanent gas line, all work to be done according to State specs. Those voting aye: Kerkman, Baker, Williby, Henery, Brandt, Schwager. Bolling absent. Nays none. Motion carried.
Supervisor Bolling appeared at 9:15 AM.

Brian McDonald, Antelope County Highway Superintendent, presented Resolution to stop Southbound and Northbound traffic. Motion by Bolling, seconded by Henery to approve Stop Sign Resolution to control southbound and northbound traffic at the intersection of County 518th Avenue and 856th Road, Antelope County, Nebraska. Those voting aye: Henery, Williby, Brandt, Bolling, Baker, Kerkman, & Schwager. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, it is in the public interest to stop north and southbound traffic at the intersection of 518th Avenue and 856th Road, Antelope County, Nebraska. Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Antelope County, Nebraska, new stop signs be erected to control southbound and northbound traffic at the intersection of County 518th Avenue and 856th Road, Antelope County, Nebraska.

Adopted 1st day of April, 2014 at Neligh, Nebraska.

Attest:

Carolyn Pedersen, Clerk (SEAL)
By Lisa Payne /s/, Deputy

Board of Supervisors of Antelope County, Nebraska
Jerald Schwager /s/
Chairman

Brian McDonald with JEO Consulting, Antelope County's Highway Superintendent discussed he was contacted by Knife River Midwest on a project they are doing on Highway 275 from Ewing – Neligh. They will be hauling 40,000 tons of asphalt down 513th Avenue (aka Orchard Road) and returning empty on 519th Avenue (aka Royal Road). Mr. McDonald indicated Knife River was interested in an agreement with the county to maintain and restore road after project on highway was complete. Mr. McDonald will work out details and present a written agreement at a later meeting.

Supervisor Henery asked Antelope County Highway Superintendent about a resolution for a seven (7) ton limit on Old Highway 14, pass the Jail site. He has noticed a lot of heavy traffic in the area and thought a study might be necessary.

JEO sent Change Order No 1, Application for payment no 1 (Final), and Exhibit E Recommendation of Acceptance, on the Old Mill Bridge Project. Bryan McDonald stated these were to complete the Old Mill Bridge project, and Supervisor Henery stated he had chatted with Neligh City Council Member Hughes and relayed project was complete, signage on project is property of Antelope County, the city can continue to use signs, and all liability lies with the city. Motion by Bolling, seconded by Henery authorizing Chairman Schwager to sign the above mentioned Change Order, Application, and Recommendation of Acceptance. Those voting aye: Baker, Williby, Henery, Schwager, Brandt, Bolling, Kerkman. Nays none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Bolling inquired about requesting final payment for 2 mile oil project on FEMA overlay NW of Clearwater. Thought payment was waiting for completion of Old Mill Bridge Project. Mr. McDonald will check on this.

Discussion held on Road Boss. By hiring a Road Boss the continuity to all of the barns and the efforts would be streamlined. Supervisor Kerkman discussed how with two (2) less supervisor's salaries and insurance benefits for one (1), and taking some of the money budgeted for JEO, Antelope County would probably be able to hire a Road Superintendent. The Board discussed they were probably missing grants and programs that would probably benefit the county. The hiring of the Road Boss would not lessen the need for supervisors and/or commissioners. The supervisors want to continue to study this and plan on finding what other counties are doing, qualifications of individual, job descriptions a salary base, etc. They want to continue discussion and possible build this position into the budget for 2014-2015.

Discussion held on Commissioner Form of Government. Discussion led to a five (5) Commissioner form. There is a two (2) year transition if passed. The change of this would complement the Road Boss position. Township chair people are becoming harder to find and less willing. People are busy in their everyday lives and do not have the time to commit to the Townships. The redistricting and population of Antelope County would be under scrutiny. Investigate how moneys are recouped and budgets are affected. Supervisors want to continue discussion and possibly place this on ballot in November 2014.

Discussion held on Broom Attachment. Is the county interested in continuing to rent or do we want to buy broom attachment. Cost estimate on new one is \$4300, and we are currently renting for about \$800 year. This broom attachment attaches to a Bobcat. This discussion was tabled, until next meeting. Supervisor Schwager will bring in dollar figures.

Discussion held about random drug testing all employees. Memo from Chad Engel, NIRMA Safety Specialist, dated November 20, 2013 was presented. Bob Moore, Antelope County Sheriff, and Joe Abler, Antelope County Attorney were present for discussion. Both suggested they thought this was a good idea. However, we would need to describe Safety Sensitive Positions. It was recommended it be referred back to the Safety Committee to work up a proposal and or recommendations.

Motion by Williby, seconded by Henery to approve March 4, 2014 and March 11, 2014 board minutes. Those voting aye: Williby, Henery, Schwager, Bolling, Brandt, Kerkman, Baker. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt, seconded by Baker to adjourn. Those voting aye: Williby, Henery, Schwager, Bolling, Brandt, Kerkman, Baker. Nays none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

ANTELOPE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____

Chairman of the County Board

Attest: _____

Deputy County Clerk